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SUBJ: SOVIET EMBASSY OVERTURES

1. AS REPORTED IN THE PAST, THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE HAS MADE A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO DISPLAY WARM RELATIONS WITH US, PROBABLY IN PART AS A POLITICAL GAMBIT VIS-A-VIS THE ROMANIANS. DURING MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES, THIS WARMTH WAS LESS EVIDENT (ALTHOUGH SOVIETS REMAINED COURTEOUS AND CORRECT BUT SOMEWHAT DISTANT). IT MAY BE WORTH NOTING THAT IN LAST WEEK, CALL AT INITIATIVE OF SOVIET POLITICAL COUNSELLOR WAS FOLLOWED BY CALL AT INITIATIVE OF MINISTER-COUNSELLOR MASLENNIKOV AND SEVERAL SOCIAL INVITATIONS FROM SOVIET EMBASSY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED INCLUDING DINNER INVITATION TO CHARGE FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR THAT HAD TO BE DECLINED.

2. WE ARE REPORTING THIS AS INDICATION THAT SOVIETS NOW APPEAR TO BE MAKING CONSCIOUS EFFORT, AT LEAST IN BUCHAREST, TO RETURN TO PRE-MIDDLE EAST WAR ATMOSPHERE OF RATHER OSTENTATIOUS DISPLAY OF DETENTE POLITICS.
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